

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 86

By Powers

A RESOLUTION to honor Raewyn Tamer Snodderly for her heroism.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is blessed with dedicated first responders, diligent public servants, and everyday citizens who are willing to come to the aid of persons in distress during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean is Raewyn Tamer Snodderly, who stepped in to save the "Godmother of Soul," Patti LaBelle, from choking at a hotel restaurant on October 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, a pharmacist in LaFollette, Raewyn Snodderly traveled to Florida with her family for a long weekend and business trip on October 6, 2022; though the trip itinerary was set, several incidents changed Ms. Snodderly's plans, including a nail in her tire that delayed her Sunday evening trip home; and

WHEREAS, these unfortunate circumstances proved fortuitous, however, as Ms. Snodderly was dining in the same hotel restaurant as living legend Patti LaBelle, who was in Florida for a charity concert; and

WHEREAS, during dinner on Monday evening, Raewyn Snodderly realized that Ms. LaBelle was choking and unable to breathe; she immediately did what she was trained to do, performing the Heimlich maneuver on Ms. LaBelle; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Snodderly's third attempt at dislodging the obstruction was successful, and Ms. LaBelle was again able to breathe; and

WHEREAS, Patti LaBelle was grateful and gracious, thanking her rescuer with concert tickets; although Ms. Snodderly had to depart the Sunshine State, her dinner companion,

Martha Hill, was able to attend the concert, during which Ms. LaBelle presented her with flowers for Ms. Snodderly and told the story on stage about how she had been saved; and

WHEREAS, Raewyn Snodderly feels that God put her in the right place at the right time to help Ms. LaBelle and that her medical training as a pharmacist allowed her to follow through with that help; and

WHEREAS, we wish to extend our gratitude and approbation to Raewyn Snodderly for her quick action on that fateful evening; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Raewyn Tamer Snodderly for her heroism in saving the life of music legend Patti LaBelle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.